MEDIA RELEASE: Students respond as Red Zone Report on college hazing and abuse released to the public in full today

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Today, as End Rape on Campus Australia releases The Red Zone Report in full to the public, students from around the country respond to the explosive allegations in the report with clear messages to universities and colleges.

End Rape on Campus Australia has published a powerful photo campaign of student representatives holding signs with messages to their universities. Their signs read: ‘68 college students are raped per week in Aus. USyd WoCo has had enough’, ‘We stand with the silenced’, ‘Universities are covering up rape - but we will not be silent’, and ‘12% of all campus rape happens in a single week: O Week’.

The report has also caused a flood of victims and survivors to come forward to EROC Australia to tell their stories. Since The Red Zone Report was first announced in the media on Monday morning, EROC Australia has received well over 100 disclosures of sexual assault, sexual harassment or hazing from students around the country within residential colleges.

Nina Funnell, lead author of the report, said: "The Red Zone Report has now been uploaded to the EROC Australia website. We have been inundated with disclosure and we are gradually sifting through the dozens of accounts of hazing and assault.

"The sheer volume of emails from both men and women regarding hazing at colleges including St John's College, Sancta Sophia, St Andrews, Wesley and St Paul's as well as various colleges in Queensland, South Australia and Victoria especially are disturbing and point to a national crisis."

"University student presidents from around the country have also responded with their support and we are grateful that this report has now triggered a national campaign."

Anna Hush, co-author of the report, commented: “The voices of survivors and student activists have always been the real drivers of change on this issue.

“We stand with survivors, now and always, in calling for an upheaval of the entire college system. Students are saying loud and clear that it’s time for change."

The University of Sydney Women’s Collective has called a snap rally for Wednesday 1pm at the main quadrangle to protest the University and the colleges’ collective inaction on sexual assault.
University of Sydney Women’s Officers, Jessica Syed and Madeline Ward.

A folder of photos from the campaign is available [here](#).

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